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LC TO EXPAND PHOTO COLLECTION THROUGH BERN SCHWARTZ FUND

The Bern Schwartz Photographic Fund has been established at the Library of Congress in memory of this remarkable photographer. The fund will enable the Library to add to its collections of original photographic prints, negatives, and transparencies works that cannot be acquired with the limited funds normally available for the purpose. Widely used in exhibitions, in publications, and in scholarly research, the Library's photographic holdings are seen by thousands of people each year. Bern Schwartz's achievements and interests will be commemorated and perpetuated when photographs purchased by this fund are shown or reproduced. Contributions may be made by check payable to the Library of Congress and marked for the Bern Schwartz Fund.

Bernard L. Schwartz, renowned portrait photographer, began that work only in the last three years of his life, after a long and successful career in business. Born in New York City, he attended Lehigh University before taking on a variety of jobs that led to the establishment of an advertising display company, an export firm, the invention of the first successful synthetic woven carpet fabrics, and the development of the Sherman, Clay Co., which he built into the world's largest keyboard retail chain and of which he was board chairman. Mr. Schwartz received an honorary LI. D. from Widener College. He was active in many charities, including the Jewish Guild for the Blind in New York, of which he was president, and he was a trustee of the Pomfret School.

His portraits include those of Prince Charles, Pope Paul, Golda Meir, Lord Mountbatten, Yehudi Menuhin, and Malcolm Muggeridge, among many others.

LIBRARY OFFERS DISCOUNTS ON RECORDING COLLECTION

The Library of Congress, producer of phonograph records since 1942, is for the first time offering quantity discounts on its long-playing records. This new policy will make it possible for Library recordings, Archive of Folk Song L1 through L67, previously available with only limited discounts by mail order, to appear in record and music stores throughout the United States. All quantity purchasers of Library of Congress LPs, including libraries and schools, can now purchase discs at a wholesale rate.

The new sales policy enables purchasers of records to pay $3.60 rather than the $6.50 plus handling mail order price now charged. Rules pertaining to this policy are:

(1) The initial purchase must be 100 records. (There is no minimum on quantities ordered of any single title.)

(2) Records will be sold at $3.60 each ($7.20 for two-record sets) including postage within the United States.

(3) All orders, original or re-order, must be prepaid unless other arrangements are made.

(4) Those who have made an initial purchase of 100 records under this policy are eligible to purchase records at the $3.60 price for any minimum order of 10 records made within six months of the previous order.

(5) Records ordered under this policy are not returnable unless defective and returned within 60 days of shipment from the Library, although the Library will consider exchanges of unused records.

(6) The Library reserves the right to limit quantities of certain titles and will refund in full for unfilled orders.

Library of Congress records are produced and distributed by the Recording Laboratory of the Library's Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division. The Recording Laboratory was established in 1940 with gift funds from the Carnegie Corporation both to preserve and to disseminate the audio resources of the Library. As stated in the announcement of the establishment of the Laboratory in 1940, "for the first time in the history of great institutions of learning, a National Library will be able to speak directly to the people bringing them its accumulated wealth of cultural materials, stored up in slow increments through the decades."

To this end the Library issued its first sound recordings in 1942. The six 78 rpm albums issued at that time contained selections from the collections of the Archive of Folk Song under the editorship of Alan Lomax. These records made up the nucleus of a collection that now has over 60 titles devoted to American, Latin American, and Moroccan folk music and lore. Represented in the Archive of Folk Song discs is the music of Native Americans, blacks, cowboys, lumberjacks, and miners, including fiddle tunes, sea shanties, spirituals, work songs, and ballads. Scholarly notes accompany most of the releases.

It is important to note that the discs are produced from field recordings which were made without the obtrusion of a recording studio or popular orchestrations and arrangements. The traditional songs and tales are sung and played by people who have learned them in the hand-me-down manner of folklore from their parents or neighbors. The performers are untrained, and their voices reflect the natural world rather than the broadcasting studio or the concert stage. This does not in any sense minimize their worth, but, on the contrary, points up the unique value of the recordings, for through them is preserved the pure tradition of folk song and lore.

Other recordings issued by the Library which are now available at quantity discounts are *Our Musical Past,* a two-record set recorded in stereo which documents American popular music of the mid-19th century, and *Robert Lowell Reading His Own Poems,* a two-record set of readings by the late Pulitzer Prize winner.

The *Library of Congress Information Bulletin* is issued weekly by the Library of Congress and distributed free of charge to publicly supported libraries and research institutions, academic libraries, learned societies, and allied organizations in the United States.

Comparable institutions and organizations in other countries may arrange to receive the *Bulletin* on an exchange basis by applying in writing to the Library's Exchange and Gift Division. All other correspondence should be addressed to the LC *Information Bulletin,* Information Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Further information about Library of Congress records, as well as free catalogs, may be obtained from the Library of Congress, Recording Laboratory, Washington, D.C. 20540.

WOMEN'S OVERSEAS SERVICE LEAGUE PRESENTS ORGANIZATION HISTORY

Eight women, each with an inspiring record of service and adventure, visited the Library on April 19 to present to Carol Nemeyer, Associate Librarian for National Programs, the history of the organization to which they belong, the Women's Overseas Service League. Membership in the league, formed after the first World War, is open to women who have served abroad during American wars.

The presentation was arranged by Elsie Fetter, a Library staff member from 1926 until her retirement in 1965, who took three years leave without pay during World War II to do hospital and welfare work with the American Red Cross in Egypt, Persia, and the Southwest Pacific. Spokeswoman for the group was Lena Hitchcock, the oldest living past national president of WOSL, who was one of the first three occupational therapists sworn into the Army in 1914-18 war.

Standing left to right are Lena Hitchcock, past national president of WOSL, Carol Nemeyer, Associate Librarian for National Programs, and Elsie Fetter, a former Library staff member, as they discuss the history of the Women's Overseas Service League.

Participating in the ceremony were Katherine T. Andrews, Mrs. Owen C. Holleran, and Mrs. Archibald Smith, all of whom were with the YMCA in the first war, and Mrs. William J. Husic, a WAC in the second war, Margaret M. Reckmeyer, a civilian whose war service was in England and Germany, and Barbara Schroeder, president of the Washington unit of the league. The unit's current membership is 90, of whom 22 had World War I service.

Library staff saluting these pioneers were Morrigene Holcomb, coordinator of the Women's Program Office, and Mary B. Smith, head of the Gift Section, Exchange and Gift Division.

Paul Finkelman, the second J. Franklin Jameson fellow appointed under a cooperative program of the American Historical Association and the Library of Congress, will discuss "Fugitive Slaves in American Law" in the Library's Wilson Room at 4 p.m., Wednesday, May 16. Mr. Finkelman, assistant professor of history at the University of Texas, has been engaged in research at the Library of Congress since January (see the LC *Information Bulletin* for February 23, p. 64).

Invitations have been sent to American history and legal specialists throughout the Washington and surrounding area. Others are welcome to attend.

1979-80 INTERNS SELECTED

Twelve interns will participate in the 1979-80 Library of Congress Intern Program commencing September 10. The program, designed to recruit outstanding library personnel and prepare them for a broad range of professional positions within the Library of Congress, will consist of tours, seminars, and rotational work assignments over a 20-week period.

Five interns are from library schools throughout the country while seven were selected from the Library staff to attend the program. Selected from the staff were Linda Arret, General Reading Rooms Division; Elizabeth Carl, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped; John Guidas, Loan Division; Victoria Hill, Collections Management Division; Jane Marton, Subject Cataloging Division; Charles Stanhope, Exchange and Gift Division; and Kristin Vajs, Library Service Division.

Selected from nominations by library school deans were John Anderson, Atlanta University; Randall Ericson and Catherine Hall, University of California

Special visitors to the Library of Congress last week included representatives from the People's Republic of China. Among the visitors were Ambassador to the United Nations, Lai Yali, senior researchers from the Institute of International Affairs in Peking, and officials of the Chinese Embassy.

As guests of Deputy Librarian William J. Welsh the Chinese delegation was given a tour of the Library, including the Great Hall, Main Reading Room, Congressional Research Service, and the collections held in the Chinese and Korean Section, Asian Division.

Shown on the left with other spectators as he pauses over the Gutenberg Bible *is Ambassador Lai Yali and Chi Wang, head of the Chinese and Korean Section of the Asian Division. On the right is Frances Reynolds, General Reading Rooms Division, explaining the workings of the Main Reading Room. Listening to Mrs. Reynolds are (left to right) Lin Zhiying, official of the Chinese Embassy; Richard Howard, acting chief, Asian Division; Ambassador Lai Yali; Chi Wang, and Xue Mouhong of the Institute of International Affairs, Peking (back to camera).*

at Los Angeles; Victoria Miller, University of Chicago; and Margaret Morrison, University of Michigan.

SSPHS MEETS AT LIBRARY

The 10th Anniversary Meeting of the Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies (SSPHS) was held at the Library of Congress on March 23-25. Over 100 participants from academic and research institutions in the United States, Canada, Spain, Portugal, England, and Germany attended the three-day conference. Among those present were several individuals from the Spanish Embassy including Sra. de Lladó, wife of the Ambassador, Leonardo Perez Rodrigo (counselor), Agustin Cano (cultural affairs minister) and Javier Malagón (Cultural Affairs Office).

The society was formed over 10 years ago in response to increasing interest in American universities in Iberian history and thought and to create permanent dialogue among scholars and students devoted to their study. In addition to historians, as its annual programs and membership show, the society has the active participation of specialists from other disciplines, including sociologists, political scientists,

Juan Linz of Yale University, John Elliott of Princeton University, and David Ringrose of the University of California at San Diego are pictured in the Hispanic Room.

Charles Halstead, SSPHS general secretary, and Willard C. Frank, Jr. of Old Dominion University look at a special exhibit mounted in the foyer of the Hispanic Room.

anthropologists, and specialists in Hispanic literature.

The 1979 meeting was formally opened on Friday, March 23, in the Whittall Pavilion by Charles Halstead, general secretary of the society. Official greetings from the Library and the Hispanic Division were extended by John Broderick, Assistant Librarian for Research Services, and William E. Carter, chief of the division. The meeting's participants then engaged in three days of sessions and presentations on a variety of Iberian themes, which included Carlism, the Spanish Civil War, current activities in Portugal, literature and politics in Spain, the development of professions in Iberia, and the modern period in the peninsula.

Among the highlights of the meeting were guest presentations by three noted historians. In a Friday afternoon session at the Folger Shakespeare Library, Geoffrey Parker of the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, author of *The Army of Flanders and the Spanish Road, 1567-1659* and *Philip II,* lectured on Philip II and the decline of Spain. Jordi Nadal of the Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, who wrote *El fracaso de la revolución industrial en España 1814-1913* and *La población española,* discussed the development of the chemical industry in early 19th-century Spain in a Saturday afternoon presentation in the Library's Whittall Pavilion. Felipe Ruíz Martín of the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, author of *Lettres marchandes echangées entre Florence et Medina del Campo,* presented a lively account of the activities of Martín de Chavarría, a 16th-century

SSPHS conference participants gather (above) for a reception in the Hispanic Room.

William E. Carter (right) addresses one of the sessions in the Whittall Pavilion.

Spanish mercantilist, in his banquet address.

Members and guests of the SSPHS were the guests of the Library of Congress and the Hispanic Division at a formal reception held in the Hispanic Society Room on Friday. The following evening, the Ambassador and Sra. José Lladó of Spain were host to the society at a reception at the embassy. Two special exhibits, mounted for the meeting, were devoted to a philatelic history of the Spanish Civil War (in the Library's Hispanic Division) and Hispanic manuscripts (in the Folger Library).

The meeting's program was prepared by Michael Weisser of the University of South Carolina, program chairman, and Richard Kagan of The John Hopkins University and Charles Halstead of Washington College, Md. All local arrangements and planning for the three day meeting were the responsibility of John R. Hébert, assistant chief, Hispanic Division, and Mary Ellis Kahler, field director, Library of Congress Office in Rio de Janeiro.

The 1979 meeting of the society provided each participant the opportunity to exchange views concerning various Iberian themes and to engage in individualized research in the Library's rich resources for the study of Hispanic culture.

Those individuals interested in the activities of the Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies should write to Charles Halstead, General Secretary SSPHS, Department of History, Washington College, Chestertown, Md. 21620, for further information.

[*John R. Hébert*]

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

CONSER Tables

This new publication (ISSN 0190-3608), designed as a brief reference tool for use by CONSER Project participants, consists of the tabular portion of the *MARC Serials Editing Guide*, 2nd CONSER edition, plus brief notes. The 111-page document includes (1) all the data elements in *Serials: A MARC Format* through Addendum No. 12 (July 1978) as well as any local elements which may occur in CONSER records; (2) indication of repeatability of the data element; (3) Minimum Data Element Set codes indicating whether elements are mandatory, optional, and so forth; and (4) Locked field code. A new edition will be published each February, and updated pages to the current edition will be issued each July, provided there are additions or changes to be reported. **CONSER Tables** is for sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20541, for $10 per year for single subscriptions and $6 per year for each of 25 or more subscriptions sent to the same address.

The Library of Congress will observe **Memorial Day** on Monday, May 28. All reading rooms and study facilities will be closed, except the Congressional Reading Room, which will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On May 27, the Library will provide its usual Sunday service.

The principal exhibit halls in the Library of Congress Building will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both May 27 and 28.

ONGOING PUBLICATIONS

Digest of Public General Bills and Resolutions. 96th Congress, 1st Session. First Issue. 1979. (Various pagings) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for $6.75 this issue, or $75 per session of Congress, domestic, and $93.75 per session, foreign (LC 14.16:96-1/1).

LC Science Tracer Bullet: Hyperlipoproteinemia. ISSN 0090-5232. (TB 78-9) December 1978. (9 p.) Compiled by Leroy D. Davis, this reference aid provides a systematic approach to literature covering lipid-transport disorders and "is intended for those who seek a thorough understanding of the possible relationship of hyperlipoproteinemia to atherosclerosis and heart disease through a review of the literature in the collections of the Library of Congress." Copies may be obtained free on request from the Reference Section, Science and Technology Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540. Copies have also been provided to the Superintendent of Documents for distribution to depository libraries.

Monthly Checklist of State Publications. ISSN 0027-0288. Vol. 70, No. 3. March 1979. For sale by the Superintendent of Documents for $1.50 for single monthly issues, except June and December for $2.45, or $21.90 a year, domestic, and $27.40, foreign (LC 30.9:70/3).

National Union Catalog. ISSN 0028-0348. January 1979. (xxxv, 642 p.). Compiled by the Library of Congress with the cooperation of the Resources and

The Librarian and Mrs. Boorstin recently spent two days in Delhi on the occasion of the meeting of the Joint Indo-U.S. Subcommission on Education and Culture. While there they visited the Library of Congress Office in India, where they showed particular interest in the office's microform program. Pictured (left to right) are Jerry James, field director of the office; the Boorstins; Gopal Majumdar (in the background), chief of the Microform Division; and Deep Chand, a camera technician operating the Fugi microfiche camera.

En route, the Boorstins visited the Greek Parliamentary Library and the National Library to discuss Library of Congress exchange relations with those libraries. In England for the installation of the chancellor of the University of Sheffield, Dr. Boorstin received from the university an honorary doctor of letters degree, commending him "as an ally in our task, as a model for our work, and as a leader in our thought."

Technical Services Division, American Library Association. For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20541 at $1,150 for the nine monthly issues, three quarterly cumulations, and an annual cumulation.

New Serial Titles—Classed Subject Arrangement. ISSN 0028-6699. March 1979. (35 p.) Prepared under the sponsorship of the Joint Committee on the Union List of Serials and published monthly by the Library of Congress. For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service for $55 a year.

News. ISSN 0160-9211. Vol. 10, No. 2. March-April 1979. Free on request from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20542.

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

ALECSO Seminar on Bibliographic Automation Held

Saad M. el-Hagrassy, consultant to the Library of Congress Office in Cairo, took a leading part in the proceedings of a seminar held by the Preparation Committee for the Second Symposium on the Use of the Computer for Bibliographic Control in Arab Countries. The symposium was sponsored by the Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization of the League of Arab States (ALECSO). The seminar took place on December 4-6, 1978, in order to prepare for the symposium of all Arab countries scheduled for late November this year in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The working paper drafted by the preparation committee consists of three parts. The first outlines the recommendations of the First Symposium held in Khartoum, Sudan in 1975 (see LC *Information Bulletin* for February 20, 1976, p. 111). The second section surveys developments of the field of bibliographic automation during the period 1976-1978 with special reference to the Arab world. Part three, the most important section, is a summary of the issues to be discussed during the 20 sessions of the Riyadh symposium.

Library of Congress activities figure in several places in the working paper. The National Union Catalog of Arabic Script Materials under preparation in the Near East Section of the African and Middle Eastern Division will be discussed, as will the application of AACR 2 and its adaption to Arabic publications. The issue of fully romanized records for Arabic monographs, a question brought to the fore by fiscal and technological capabilities, will also be aired in light of the problems facing libraries in Arab countries.

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California Document Conservation Program Subject of New Publication

Michael Bruer, assistant director, California Library Authority for Systems and Services (CLASS), has prepared *Toward A California Document Conservation Program* which draws together recommendations for a plan of action to deal with preservation problems faced by the California university library system. This document begins with a description of the conservation problem, justifies the need for action to deal with these problems, assesses the state of existing conservation programs, and concludes with a discussion of the role of regional conservation centers and the relationship of these centers to national programs. Specific short-range and long-range objectives are spelled out. While written for the California system, this report should be useful to other states contemplating a statewide conservation effort. The price to non-CLASS members is $10 while members can secure copies for $8. Persons interested in state and regional preservation planning will find much of value in the 58-page document. The report is available from CLASS, 1415 Kol Circle, Suite 101, San Jose, Calif. 95112.

Latin American Library Materials Seminar Report Issued

The Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials (SALALM) has recently published the *Final Report and Working Papers* of the 21st seminar, under the title *Twenty Years of Latin American Librarianship,* edited by Louella Vine Wetherbee and Anne H. Jordon.

At this Indiana University meeting, SALALM'S contributions to Latin American librarianship were reviewed and new areas of interest explored. Papers on the acquisition of materials from specific countries or areas of Latin America and updates of ongoing bibliographic projects are included in this compilation. Reports on the development of special libraries in central banks, the new information technologies, and Chicano librarianship analyze current trends.

This publication is available from National Educational Laboratory Publishers, Inc., P.O. Box 1003, Austin, Tex. 78767, for $21, including postage and handling.

Directory of Special Collections Updated

Postal cards, pulp magazines, and alternative press publications are materials associated with the throwaways of popular culture. But as artifacts of that culture, they are worthy of historical study and research. As such, they are the subjects of collections in several libraries. These subjects plus thousands of others as varied as William Blake, Tibetan language and literature, and the women's liberation movement are among the special collections found in the fifth edition of *Subject Collections.* Compiled by Lee Ash, the new, revised, and enlarged edition was published by the R. R. Bowker Co. in January.

Subject Collections lists not only books, but items such as maps, pictures, manuscripts, and other relevant materials housed in some 11,000 university, college, public, and special libraries and museums in the United States and Canada. Arranged alphabetically by subject based largely upon Library of Congress subject headings, about 1,000 are personal name collections of books or papers by or about the persons listed, and over 1,500 are entirely new subjects.

Under each subject heading, the holding libraries are arranged alphabetically by state. Information provided for each entry gives the name and location of the library, name of the librarian or curator, number of volumes in the collection, listings of holdings other than books, indication of whether the collection is catalogued, and funds available. Also furnished is information noting any photocopying and interlibrary loan restrictions.

The cost of the book is $67.50 postpaid, available from R. R. Bowker Co., 1180 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10036.

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